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1. FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CARRIED BY LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY JUNE 20:
QUOTE. A DELEGATION OF FOREMOST PROFESSORS OF DENTISTRY FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI LAST SATURDAY
ON A VISIT TO THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
QAR YUNIS. THESE PROFESSORS ARE DUE TO DRAW UP AN EXHAUSTIVE
PROGRAM COVERING A PERIOD OF 10 TO 15 YEARS TO STUDY THE
JAMAHIRIYAH'S NEEDS IN THE VARIOUS SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF
DENTISTRY. THEY ARE TO SET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS'
ADMISSION TO THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE FACULTY, TO PROVIDE
ANY ASSISTANCE THE FACULTY AND ITS CLINIC MAY NEED IN TERMS
OF TEACHING STAFF, EQUIPMENT, TRAINING LIBYAN DENTISTRY
LECTURERS AND TO STUDY THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF DENTISTRY
AS RELATED TO THE LIBYAN MILIEU AND IN WHICH LIBYAN DENTISTS
MUST SPECIALIZE. THIS INITIATIVE IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND
THROUGHOUT THE ARAB HOMELAND AND IS CONSIDERED AS A
MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENT MADE BY THE JAMAHIRIYAH WITH THE
COLLABORATION OF A GREAT UNIVERSITY LIKE PITTSBURGH,
WITH THE AIM OF TEACHING AND PRACTICING DENTISTRY IN
THE JAMAHIRIYAH AND PROVIDING LIBYAN ARAB DENTAL STUDENTS
WITH DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES UNQUOTE.

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NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GROUP HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY.

2. A MEMBER OF A SMALL LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP
WHICH WAS IN TRIPOLI FROM JUNE 13 TO JUNE 18 VISITED
EMBASSY AT OUR INITIATIVE ON LAST DAY HERE. GROUP WAS
HERE AT INVITATION OF SHAHATI'S FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU
TO PLAN CREATION OF A LIBYAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

AT LSU, A POPULAR DESTINATION OF LIBYAN STUDENTS. OTHER
LSU VISITORS WERE HERE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1977
DISCUSSING INTER ALIA COOPERATION IN ENGINEERING INSTRUCTION
AT BENGHAZI AND TRIPOLI UNIVERSITIES, BUT IT APPEARS
THERE HAVE BEEN NO VERY CONCRETE RESULTS YET. LSU REP
NOTED INCIDENTALLY THAT LIBYAN UNIVERSITIES ARE GENERALLY
"NOT COMPETITIVE" IN SALARIES CURRENTLY OFFERED FOREIGN
TEACHERS.
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